

Minutes of the Meeting of Northrepps Parish Council held on 13 December 2022 at 19.00 at Northrepps Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Cllr. A. Mackay,
Cllr. E. Redmond, Cllr. G. Smith,

District Cllr. Fitch Tillett to item 6 incl.

Clerk Mrs J. Warner

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 01 November 2022

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 01 November 2022 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Buxton, Callaghan, Fish, Millman & Renaud. Apologies were noted from County Cllr. Maxfield. Cllr. Penlington was absent.

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Police matters

5.1 **Police Newsletters** – Noted that the next SNAP meeting is on 09 January 2023.

5.2 **Other police matters**

There were no other matters to report.

6. District Council and County Council

6.1 **County and District Councillor Reports.**

The written reports had been circulated to members.

Cllr. Smith raised concern that residents in Northrepps cannot have a smart meter fitted due to the poor mobile signal of the mobile network provider used by the energy supplier. It was felt that the energy companies should use all mobile networks. Cllr. Fitch Tillett advised that Norfolk County Council is the contact for mobile phone networks.

Cllr. Redmond raised concern that some fence slats at Christopher's Close have not been repaired. Cllr. Fitch Tillett will contact the relevant officer at NNDC.

6.2 **Any other County and District Council matters** (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

Cllr. Fitch Tillett left the meeting.

7. Planning

7.1 **Planning Applications and decisions**

Planning applications for consideration

PF/22/2790 – Foundry Arms

No objections

Planning applications considered under planning protocol

PF/22/2542 – Westview, Norwich Road

No objections

PF/22/2666 – Golden House, Church Street

No objections

7.2 **Updates on live planning applications**

Broadgate Close Exception Housing Scheme – Concern was raised that the Public Right of Way has not been diverted and cuts across the compound. It was **agreed** to instruct the Clerk to contact Broadland Housing to ask why the PRow has not been diverted and to ask for warning signage to be installed.

7.3 **Other Planning Matters** (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

8. Highways & Transportation

8.1 **Traffic Regulation Orders**

Any traffic orders had been circulated to members.

8.2 **Overgrown hedge at The Avenue / Christopher's Close**

It was noted that NCC Highways have not been able to establish ownership of the hedge so have arrange for it to be cut back.

8.3 **Closure of path**

Members were in receipt of correspondence in respect of a proposal to close a footpath. It was **agreed** that the Chairman and Clerk would

arrange an informal meeting with the landowner and bring this matter back to the next meeting.

- 8.4 **Other Highway Matters** (for information only and inclusion on the next agenda if appropriate)

There were no other highway matters to report.

9. Finance & Regulatory Matters

9.1 Payments and Receipts & Financial Statement

The financial matters were **APPROVED**, and the finance sheet was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer (refer attached).

9.2 Actuals Against Budget to date

These were circulated and noted.

9.3 Budget and precept 2023/24

Members were in receipt of the draft budget which was **approved**. It was **agreed** to set the precept for 2023/24 at £18,676. It was noted that whilst this is an increase of approx. 3.5% on the 2022/23 precept, due to the boundary changes it will be split across fewer properties so will show on the council tax letters as an increase of 11% which works out at an increase of £4.94 per annum per band D household.

9.4 Councillor emails

It was noted that Norfolk ALC will be trailing .gov emails for parish councils. The clerk was asked to find out more.

9.5 Grant application

It was noted that an application for a grant had been received from Northrepps Historical. This was noted and will be considered alongside other grant applications at the February meeting.

9.6 Civility & Respect Pledge

Members were in receipt of information in respect of the Civility & Respect Pledge which was noted.

9.7 Revised pay scale and pension valuation

Members were in receipt of the revised pay scale backdated to 01 April 2022 and also the pension actuarial valuation both of which were noted.

9.6 Any other financial and regulatory matters (for information only)

There were no other financial or regulatory matters to report.

10. Playing Field & Allotments

10.1 Grounds Maintenance, Repairs & RoSPA Inspection

Repairs and inspections

Secret Gardens are yet to replace the mats under the giro spiral.
Cllr. Mackay is yet to paint the springers.

Barrier to playing field – The Chairman advised that the Village Hall Committee will arrange for the barrier to be replaced as per the quotation received and will invoice the Parish Council for 50% of the cost.

10.2 Cockerels on Allotments

An enquiry has been received as to whether cockerels are allowed on allotments. It was noted that in the past the tenancy agreement started that 'hens and rabbits' could be kept but when the new agreement was adopted it stated 'poultry and rabbits'. It was **agreed** to instruct the clerk to contact all allotment tenants to advise that members prefer that no cockerels are kept on the allotments and that if any complaints of noise nuisance are received the tenants concerned will be asked to rehome the cockerels.

10.3 Parish Noticeboards

This item is carried forward to the next meeting for an update.

10.4 Bonfire night event

It was noted that the event raised £576.33.
Concern was raised that the bonfire and firework debris was not cleared the morning after the event and that CYFC had a fixture that morning. CYFC have since agreed that in future years they will not play any matches on 06 November.

10.5 Other playing field and allotment matters (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

11. Correspondence and other matters

11.1 CPR & Defibrillator training

Dates for a training session are required from Cllr. Buxton.

11.2 Coronation of King Charles III

It was noted that Pageant Master Bruno Peak has advised that the coronation celebrations are likely to be more low key events as it is within 12 months of the death of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. He advised that there are no plans for a national chain of beacons. More information will be available in the new year. It was suggested that the Parish Hall work with The Foundry to coordinate the commemorations and to check that the Village Hall is available that weekend.

11.3 **Correspondence received since 01 November 2022** (circulated)

Norfolk ALC & Wellbeing	Newsletters Councillor recruitment posters
Norfolk County Council	Dead tree on Cromer Road
NNDC & Stalham Town Council	Copy letters re S106 funding & Infrastructure Levy
NNDC	Veterans survey
Norfolk Wildlife Trust	Wildlife workshop
Community Action Norfolk	Newsletters
Hornsea3	Consultation and community fund

All the above correspondence was noted and no comment made unless stated.

12. To receive items to be included on the next agenda and to consider any other business (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

13. To note the date of the next meeting: 19:00 on 07 February 2023
There will be no meeting in January 2023

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed

Dated.....

Financial Matters:**Payments to be approved at December meeting**

102454	Secret Gardens – Maintenance (Nov)	£ 185.00
102455	Overstrand Parish Council – Training session	£ 30.00
102456	Clerk's Salary & Expenses (Nov)	£ 377.87
102457	Norfolk Pension Fund (Nov)	£ 137.32

Direct debit payments:

17/11/22	NPower Street Light Electricity	£ 59.87
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Receipts since last meeting:

Income from Fireworks event	£ 576.33
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Financial Statement:

Reconciled balances as at 28/11/2022

Community Account	£32198.06
Business Premium Account	£ 6324.11
Business Premium Account	<u>£ 4782.31</u>
	£43304.45
Less cheques issued but not banked	<u>£ 220.00</u>
Balance	£43084.48

Signed
Chairman
Responsible Financial Officer

Dated

County Councillor's report December 2022

The Budget

For Local Government the government's (latest) Budget wasn't quite the blizzard of cuts that many were expecting. This is Norfolk County Council's official assessment:

Local government already faces wage, fuel and other price pressures in delivering services. The Statement promises increases in spending across health, education and social care as well as continuing big ticket infrastructure projects.

It was acknowledged that social care is critical, particularly in its role in reducing pressures on the NHS. Although £1bn in new funding to support social care for 2023-24 has been promised, more than half of the funding to support social care packages will come from 'further flexibility for local authorities on council tax and from delaying the rollout of adult social care charging reform to October 2025.

The Autumn Statement promised an acceleration of infrastructure investment across the board to support both growth and energy efficiency with an emphasis on road, rail, broadband and 5G – with no cuts to capital budgets in the next two years and maintaining funding for three years in cash terms.

Further flexibility on Council Tax means NCC can increase the charge by up to 5% next year (instead of 3%). Even though they didn't raise Council Tax by the full amount last year I expect them to do so this time. So expect higher Council Tax bills next year! I should be able to give more information about the County Council's plans in my February report.

An elected Mayor for Norfolk?

The Chancellor caught the County Council leadership on the hop by announcing that a deal had been done to create an elected Mayor or Leader for Norfolk as part of a 'County Deal.' The leadership of NCC has been open that it wants to do a deal that will bring more power and funding to the county but has resisted a directly elected leader. I have a briefing in the first week of December where I expect things will become a bit clearer. I'll report back!

Schools Funding

The Budget announced increased funding for schools, but schools are facing increasing costs too. I have asked the County Council what extra help it can give to schools facing huge increases in energy bills.

SEND re-inspection

Norfolk's support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities will be under the spotlight at the end of November. Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission will revisit the County to follow up on their inspection of a couple of years ago. That first inspection identified a number of areas where the County Council was performing poorly and the revisit will focus on checking progress to fix those issues.

Fire and Rescue Service

Norfolk's Fire and Rescue Service has published its new draft 'Community Risk Management Plan', a dull name for how the Fire Service plans to work in the future to cut the risk of fire in the county. You can read more about it online:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/norfolk-fire-and-rescue-service/about-nfrs/publications/integrated-risk-management-plan>

If you click on the 'Have Your Say' link you can contribute to the consultation and see a list of the in-person events that are taking place.

Flooding

A report about flooding in Norfolk came to the Scrutiny Committee in November (I am a member of the committee.) The report said that Norfolk is the 10th most at risk out of 149

local authority areas for flooding. More than 350 properties in 120 settlements were affected in 2020 and the report says more than 30,000 properties are potentially at risk. It was an interesting and useful discussion but it is quite a complicated area (the chair of the committee pointed out that up to 36 different organisations could have a role in fixing a flooding issue). I have asked some follow-up questions. When I get the answers I will put together a separate briefing on the topic and circulate it.

Finally, if I don't see you before then, I hope you have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ed Maxfield

www.edmaxfield.org.uk for updates, links and full contact details

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
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Cabinet Approvals:

Cabinet met to approve various strategies and financial reports.

Full Council Decisions:

As above.

Coastal Portfolio News:

Work continues to repair much of the defences damaged during storms all along the coast. Nationally I presented to the Westminster Forum on our proposals for managing an eroding coast and also made my annual report to the LGA Coastal SIG in respect of our Adaptation Working Group.

I have been made a Director of ADA and as such Chair the Eastern Branch.

Ward Issues:

Work has started on the development at Bulls Row, Northrepps and there has been a presentation in respect of the potential development of the old golf practise ground just into the parish of Cromer on the corner of Overstrand Road and Northrepps Road.

Overstrand Garden Centre received its planning permission for the extra land at the back of the site.

Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett
Poppyland Ward, NNDC